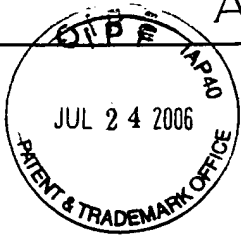


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Conf. No. 2901  
Art Unit: 1631  
Examiner: S. Zhou

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/620,392 filed July 19, 2000  
Inventors: Andrey A. BOUKHAROV *et al.*  
Title: Plant Genome Sequences and Uses Thereof  
Atty. Dkt: 16517.112

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (2 months); and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the statutory fee of \$450 for a one-month extension of time to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.112.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.112. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Holsten (Reg. No. 46,098)  
David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

Enclosures



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Sir:

By the filing of this Petition and fee, Applicants hereby request that the period for filing a response in the above-identified application be extended two months from May 23, 2006, to July 23, 2006.

The statutory fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$450.00 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$450 extension of time fee to counsel's deposit account is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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